

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
March 12, 2013**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was opened by President Fleming at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ.

Invocation

Father Thomas Capperella of Holy Angels Church delivered the Invocation.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by publication of Resolution #13-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2013.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: Trout

President Fleming stated that Councilman Trout was detained at a class he was taking and could not make it back in time for the meeting.

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the minutes of February 26, 2013 were approved as submitted.

President Fleming

Council President Fleming attended ceremony last Sunday for the honorary naming of Carpenter Street after Rev. S. E. Harris, grandfather of Councilwoman Brown.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#13-80 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Real Estate Taxes in the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-81 - Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property no Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-82 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit Posted By TD Bank

President Fleming advised that no action will be taken until the next Council meeting so Council will have additional time to review the matter.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Public Safety

Application for Membership to Friendship Fire Company

Councilwoman Parker presented the above entitled application for Randy M. Ballinger of 2 Parkview Drive, Westville for membership to the Woodbury Fire Department.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Swanson gave a report on his committee. He noted that the paving of Cooper St will resume when the asphalt plant opens for the season. He also reported on an 'active shooter' drill at Underwood Hospital.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato introduced Randi Woerner and Larry Geiger to the audience, recognizing all the hard work they both do for the City.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

Councilwoman Parker reported on the status of the athletic fields and meetings she is conducting on how to improve the maintenance of the fields.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney reported on her committee including the Green Team and the tire amnesty program for disposal of automobile tires.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown reported on the Ceremonial festivities that took place over the weekend for honorary naming of the streets and personally thanked all who attended and made the event go so smoothly.

Property

Councilman Lockman referenced a handout he distributed regarding six (6) properties that are in disrepair and discussed the status of each.

Old Business

Councilman Swanson advised much progress being made in the Water/Sewer billing department.

New Business

None

Reports:

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk reported the following activities:

- 1) The Finance Committee is continuing to work on the budget;
- 2) He has been appointed to a fact finding Committee regarding the recent Paulsboro train derailment;
- 3) Grand Openings scheduled for two new stores; Tara's Treasures at 39 S Broad and Tria Art Gallery at 67 Cooper Street. He is excited to see new businesses coming to our City.

Report of the Clerk

- 1) Notice from TRICO JIF that we earned \$3,575 for our Safety Incentive efforts.
- 2) Notice from Zeta Beta Phi Sorority of their dinner recognizing Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown on Sat. April 20th.
- 3) Invited the City Engineer, Paul Breier, PE to elaborate on Engineer's Report. Mr. Breier mentioned the status of bids for the 'scada' system for the water treatment plant, the Bikeway project, the Wood St storm sewer, and prioritizing street repairs.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Trovato, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor opened to the Public for any items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, gave a history lesson of the achievements of African Americans in Woodbury.

Rich Walker, 236 S. Horace Street, Scout Leader of Boy Scout Troop #7 stated he was disappointed at the last Council Meeting when Mr. Kinkler was dismissed as City Administrator. He was in attendance with five of his scouts for a Leadership/Citizenship Badges.

Steve Bajewicz, a Mullica Hill resident, and also a Sergeant at the Woodbury Criminal Justice Department expressed his concerns regarding closing of the county jail and transporting of inmates to the Cumberland County jail.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired whether PILOT monies received by the City will be shared with the School Board.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A Duffield, City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

CFO/Acting Administrator, Robert Law,
City Engineer, Paul Brier
Economic Development Director, Randi Woerner
Librarian, Jean Wipf
Police, Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works Manager Richard Leidy
Solicitor, James Pierson, Esq.